

Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee

**Mississippi State Department of Health
Osborne Auditorium
Minutes**

February 19, 2004

MTAC Members Present:

Brian W. Amy, M.D., MHA, MPH
Hugh Gamble, M.D.
John Nelson, M.D.
John Riggs, EMT.P
Bennie Wright, M.D.
John Brahan, M.D.
Christine Weiland, R.N.
Wade N. Spruill
Robert Galli, M.D.
Gregory Timberlake, M.D.

MTAC Members Not Present:

William Billups, III, M.D.
David Cook, R.N.
Ben Yarbrough, M.D.
William Avara, M.D.
Charles Piggott, M.D.

Others Present:

Jim Craig
Keith Parker
Jonathan Chaney
Kelly Trinkner
Alisa Williams

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Amy at 1:00 p.m.

II. Adoption of Minutes:

Minutes from previous MTAC meeting were adopted by acclamation.

III. Director's Report:

Mr. Craig reported the trauma centers that received complete designation since last meeting were University Medical Center as a Level I, Ocean Springs as a Level III, South Central Regional Medical Center as a Level II, Crosby Memorial Hospital as a Level IV, and Wayne General Hospital as a Level IV.

Mr. Craig announced the next round of education visits were taking place today with Biloxi Regional Hospital and Singing River Hospital on February 20, 2004. Other

educational visits scheduled are Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford and Clay County Hospital at West Point.

Mr. Craig provided an update on the uncompensated care reimbursement schedule.

IV. Reports:

A. Central Trauma Care Region:

Dr. Timberlake reported that the Central Trauma Care Region is continuing to educate the hospitals and staff in the region. The region is developing a performance improvement process.

B. North Trauma Care Region:

Mr. Keith Parker reported that the North Mississippi Trauma Care Region has implemented the field triage and transport guidelines of the EMS performance improvement process, and is in the process of continuous ongoing education regarding these issues.

Mr. Parker reported that three nurses in the region have completed the ATCN course and are awaiting an instructor course so that this course can be offered in the region alongside ATLS.

Mr. Parker reported that due to the loss of regular orthopedic coverage, Oktibbeha County Hospital has pulled out of the Mississippi Trauma Care System at this time.

C. Delta Region:

Dr. Wright announced that northern counties are still looking at developing plans to splitting up our region. That is not yet completed.

D. Southwest Region:

Mr. Jimmy McMannus reported that in March there will be TNCC training for eighteen nurses in the region. On February 27th, there is going to be a meeting with OEPR and the operations managers for the EMS agencies operating within our region to discuss the placement of satellite communication equipment in some of the units within our region. Also, we have implemented or approved several of the patient care plans that came from the model protocols that were provided by the state.

E. Southeast Region:

Mr. Wade Spruill introduced Mr. Doug Higginbottom, the CEO of South Central Regional Medical Center, a designated Level III, and Jerry Howell the Administrator for Marrion General Hospital a Level IV center.

Mr. Spruill reported that Sanford Horton and his associate from the Mississippi State Department of Health had come to the region and meet with the board regarding performance improvement and certain statutes that protect discoverability. As a result of this the region is stepping up to the next level of performance improvement, and that actually gets into a more routine chart review among hospitals on cases.

Mr. Spruill reported that training continues to be a priority in the region. We are continuing to do physician reference sequence induction training and our nurse training and pre-hospital training continues.

F. East Central Trauma Care Region:

No report given.

G. Coastal Trauma Care Region:

No report given.

V. Old Business:

Level I, II, III Uncompensated Care Reimbursement Policy:

Mr. Parker reported that OEPR had received three letters regarding this policy. One from Marrion General, one from Forrest General and one from South Central Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Spruill stated that he was in agreement to reward facilities that are trying to succeed in the trauma system, but not at the expense of other facilities in the system.

Mr. Higginbottom stated that his facility is the only Level III in the Southeast Trauma Care Region. He also stated under the scenario that is being proposed that his facility would take a significant financial hit.

Mr. Higginbottom stated that the only incentive from this proposal is that penalized trauma centers will step down and not up.

Mr. Howell stated that if funding or the process of funding is attacked at this time it would negatively impact Level III hospitals. He stated that this action could cause detrimental damage to the trauma system.

Mr. Law stated that UMC applauds the effort, to provide incentives for the Level I's and II's, but do not agree with enhancing Level I and Level II's at the detriment of the Level III's.

Dr Galli made a motion to table the funding of the Level I's and II's until an impact pact study could be done by Horne CPA off of this years reimbursements.

Dr. Gamble seconded this motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business:

Mr. Parker stated that King's Daughters Hospital in Brookhaven has requested to lower their designation to a level IV status because of coverage issues, Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian and Oktibbeha County Hospital in Starkville both have opted out of the system at this time.

VII. Confidential Session:

MTAC enters into confidential session

VIII. Adjourn at 3:00 p.m.